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SUBJECT: ANGOLA: OAU CM AND SUMMIT: FONMINS ARRIVAL STATEMENTS

1. ETHIOPIAN NEWS AGENCY (ENA) REPORTS ARRIVAL FONMINS
AND HEADS OF DELEGATIONS IN ADDIS ABABA ON JAN. 7.
SUMMARY OF THEIR SALIENT STATEMENTS AS REPORTED BY ENA FOLLOWS:

A. JOACHIM CHISSANO, FONMIN OF MOZAMBIQUE, TOLD
PRESS AT AIRPORT THAT PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF ANGOLA SHOULD
BE IMMEDIATELY ADMITTED AS MEMBER OF OAU AND THAT
ANGOLAN PEOPLE SHOULD NATURALLY BE REPRESENTED AT FIRST
EXTRAORDINARY OAU SUMMIT. CHISSANO EXPLAINED THAT,
WHEN MOZAMBIQUE BECAME INDEPENDENT "FIRST THING WE WERE
TOLD WAS THAT AUTOMATICALLY WHEN A COUNTRY BECOMES INDE-
PENDENT IT IS A MEMBER OF THE OAU." CHISSANO SAID THAT
THE AGENDA FOR THE OAU MEETING WAS "ANGOLA--1 NOT MORE
THAN 1." HE CONDEMNED AGGRESSION AGAINST ANGOLA BY SOUTH
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AFRICAN REGULARS AND SAID THAT IMPERIALIST MANEUVERS IN

ANGOLA WERE INTENDED TO FRUSTRATE THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE NOT ONLY IN ANGOLA BUT ALL OVER AFRICA AND REVOLUTIONS IN INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES AS WELL.

B. TANZANIAN FONMIN KADOUMA SAID HIS DELEGATION COMES TO OAU MEETING WITH OPEN MIND. HE EXPRESSED HOPE THAT REASON WOULD PREVAIL IN THE COUNCIL MEETING. HE STRESSED THAT SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION IN ANGOLA SHOULD BE A DETERMINING FACTOR IN DELIBERATIONS AND SAID THAT SOUTH AFRICA HAD BECOME A NEW ELEMENT OF NEO-COLONIALISM IN AFRICA.

C. OMAR ARTEH, FONMIN OF SOMALIA, EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THERE WOULD BE "SOME OF SIMPLE MAJORITY IN THE OAU" TO RECOGNIZE THE MPLA GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA. THIS WOULD NOT EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY OF FINDING ANOTHER SOLUTION BESIDES RECOGNITION. "WE WILL MAKE EFFORTS AND CONSULT WITH OTHER LEADERS OF AFRICA, WHO HAVE PERHAPS NOT RECOGNIZED (MPLA) AND WILL NOT RECOGNIZE AND FIND WAYS AND MEANS BY WHICH WE CAN STRENGTHEN THE GOVERNMENT AND AT THE SAME TIME MAKE SOME SORT OF SETTLEMENT OF THE CONFLICT BETWEEN OUR BROTHERS."

D. GHANA FONMIN, R. FELLI, SID HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD LIKE TO SEE A GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA--WHICHEVER GOVERNMENT THE OAU SHOULD RECOGNIZE--ADOPTING A RECONCILIATORY ATTITUDE TOWARDS ALL SECTIONS OF THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE WHO SHOULD BE BROUGHT TOGETHER FOR THE RECONSTRUCTIONS OF THEIR REPUBLIC. GHANA RECOGNIZES ONE GOVERNMENT IN ANGOLA BUT WOULD GO ALONG WITH ANY OAU "MAJORITY DECISION." IF OAU FAILED REACH A DECISION GHANA WOULD CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE THIS SAME GOVERNMENT AND GIVE IT WHATEVER SUPPORT POSSIBLE.

E. FONMIN OF SIERRA LEONE, F.M. MINAH, CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN ANGOLA, WITHDRAWAL OF ALL FOREIGN TROOPS AND FORMATION OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY. "WE THINK THIS WAY BECAUSE WE FEEL THAT THE OAU HAD RECOGNIZED THE THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS BEFORE AND FOR IT TO RECOGNIZE AT THIS STAGE ANY ONE OF THEM WOULD BE A CATASTROPHE."

F. LIBERIAN SECSTATE CECIL DENNIS SAID: "WE CONDEMN, DEPLORE AND DEPRECATE SOUTH AFRICAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA. BUT WE ALSO FEEL ALL OTHER COUNTRIES WHO ARE INVOLVED IN THIS FRATRICIDAL WAR SHOULD IMMEDIATELY BE WITHDRAWN. UNCLASSIFIED

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ONCE THAT HAPPENS WE CAN BEGIN TO TALK TO HAVE SOME FORM OF CEASEFIRE." THEREAFTER VARIOUS LIBERATIONS MOVEMENTS COULD BE BROUGHT TOGETHER TOWARDS A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND THE EVENTUAL ESTABLISHMENT OF A GOVERNMENT OF NATIONAL UNITY.

G. ALGERIAN MINCOMMUNICATIONS L. YAKER TOLD REPORTERS THAT PURPOSE OF OAU MEETING WAS TO BRING ABOUT A SOLUTION THAT WOULD BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH ASPIRATIONS OF PEOPLE OF

ANGOLA. HIS COUNTRY WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO FINDING A COMMON SOLUTION TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES OF AFRICAN UNITY "WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE LIBERATION OF THE SISTER COUNTRY OF ANGOLA."

2. ETHIOPIAN RADIO JAN. 8 ALSO CARRIES DELEGATE QUOTES, AS FOLLOWS:

A. UNNAMED SOMALI DELEGATE REPORTEDLY SAID "WE ARE TRYING TO FIND WAYS AND MEANS SO THAT ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES RALLY BEHIND THE MPLA."

B. ZAMBIAN DELEGATE QUOTED AS STATING THAT HIS COUNTRY OPPOSES INVOLVEMENT OF FOREIGNERS OF ANY COUNTRY IN ANGOLA AND BELIEVES THAT PROBLEM OF ANGOLA WILL BE SOLVED BY THE ANGOLANS THEMSELVES ALONE. "WE DEMAND A CEASEFIRE AND THAT ALL FOREIGN FORCES LEAVE THE COUNTRY."

C. CAMEROON DELEGATE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT STAND OF CAMEROON WILL BE CLEAR AT THE MEETING. CAMEROON CO-OPERATES WITH OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES FOR THE SUCCESS OF THE MEETING.

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